



# HOLLAND

## Hampden County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Holland is a small town in South Central Massachusetts. It is a largely rural and residential community of about 2100 year-round residents. Holland has its own elementary school serving some 290 students, and is also part of the five town Tantasqua Regional School District for junior and senior high school. Located near both the Massachusetts Turnpike and Interstate 84, Holland is within convenient commuting distance from Hartford, Springfield and Worcester.

Holland's chief attractions are the scenic beauty of its rolling, wooded hills, and its waterways; Hamilton Reservoir, Holland Pond and the Quinebaug River. These recreational resources attract many visitors who have vacation homes here and who more than double the population during the summer months.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

South central Massachusetts, bordered by Wales on the west; Brimfield on the north; Sturbridge on the east; and Union, Connecticut on the south. Holland is 32 miles south of Worcester, 70 miles southwest of Boston, and 150 miles from New York city.

**Total Area:** 13.09 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 12.39 sq. miles

**Population:** 2,185

**Density:** 176 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(East Brimfield Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.0"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Wales

## Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 245-7108

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1835

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,208		
Democrats	277	22.9	%
Republicans	176	14.6	%
Other parties	2	0.2	%
Unenrolled Voters	753	62.3	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Holland town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,407	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,407	100.0
Male.....	1,224	50.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	34	1.4
Female.....	1,183	49.1	Mexican.....	2	0.1
Under 5 years.....	144	6.0	Puerto Rican.....	23	1.0
5 to 9 years.....	208	8.6	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	221	9.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	9	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	146	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,373	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	89	3.7	White alone.....	2,317	96.3
25 to 34 years.....	274	11.4	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	522	21.7	Total population.....	2,407	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	401	16.7	In households.....	2,407	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	125	5.2	Householder.....	898	37.3
60 to 64 years.....	71	2.9	Spouse.....	561	23.3
65 to 74 years.....	128	5.3	Child.....	747	31.0
75 to 84 years.....	64	2.7	Own child under 18 years.....	619	25.7
85 years and over.....	15	0.6	Other relatives.....	71	2.9
Median age (years).....	37.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	35	1.5
18 years and over.....	1,736	72.1	Nonrelatives.....	130	5.4
Male.....	878	36.5	Unmarried partner.....	75	3.1
Female.....	858	35.6	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,667	69.3	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	249	10.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	207	8.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	103	4.3	Total households.....	898	100.0
Female.....	104	4.3	Family households (families).....	668	74.4
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	337	37.5
One race.....	2,381	98.9	Married-couple family.....	561	62.5
White.....	2,334	97.0	With own children under 18 years.....	263	29.3
Black or African American.....	2	0.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	66	7.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.8	With own children under 18 years.....	47	5.2
Asian.....	6	0.2	Nonfamily households.....	230	25.6
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	162	18.0
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	44	4.9
Filipino.....	2	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	358	39.9
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	146	16.3
Korean.....	3	0.1	Average household size.....	2.68	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.06	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	1	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	1,317	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	898	68.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	419	31.8
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	370	28.1
Some other race.....	18	0.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	2.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	26	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.3	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	898	100.0
White.....	2,358	98.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	782	87.1
Black or African American.....	7	0.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	116	12.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	39	1.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.72	(X)
Asian.....	7	0.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.41	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	22	0.9			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0  
Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0  
Federal (Section 8): 0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester area, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 connects to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

No state routes pass through Holland, but State Route 20 and Interstate 90 run E-W across the state just north of the town. Interstate Route 84 cuts across the southeast corner of Holland.

### Rail

There is no commuter or freight rail service to Holland, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Eastern Massachusetts is easily accessible.

### Bus

Holland is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) but receives no services.

### Other

Southbridge Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in nearby Southbridge, has a 3,500'x 75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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